

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION PRESS RELEASE

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State Cautions Claimants About Potential Unemployment Insurance Scams

LAS VEGAS, NV -The Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) is cautioning filers to be aware websites that appear to look like legitimate government websites offering assistance in filing for Nevada unemployment insurance. The **only** official site for Nevadans to file for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits is http://ui.nv.gov/css.html. As the agency continues to experience high volume of claims entering the system, the agency's number one priority is supporting Nevadans' unemployment needs in a secure environment. DETR continues to actively monitor systems to address the challenges related to the UI claims process during this extraordinary time.

"If DETR needs any information from filers regarding their claim, the agency will notify the filer directly via a message on their UInv claimant account, correspondence through the mail, or via telephone by DETR staff. You never have to pay to file. Unfortunately, trying times do not deter scams but breeds invention and offer the opportunity for victimization of residents by scammers. We all must be vigilant and protect ourselves, particularly now, "said DETR director Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner.

The Nevada Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection has the following tips and suggestions about government scams:

 Avoid giving access to your bank account other than those whom you have authorized. Only scammers will demand that you provide them with your personal information, such as Social Security numbers, bank account numbers, debit and credit cards, or PINs in order to receive stimulus funding;

- Avoid suggestions of paying any amount of money to receive stimulus. There is no "grant" money. You will not be asked to pay any money, including a "processing fee," to receive a stimulus check;
- Check your mailbox frequently to ward off theft. If your mailbox has a lock, make
 it accessible to you in the event you receive stimulus funding by a physical check
 in your mailbox;
- Beware of entering your personal or financial information into phishing websites that appear to look like legitimate government websites; and
- Do not share personal information with any person or website that asks for it related to the federal stimulus package.

If you believe you have been a victim of a scam, you may file a complaint with the Office of the Nevada Attorney General here or with the Federal Trade Commission here. You may also call the Nevada Attorney General's hotline toll free at (888) 434-9989.

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